

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Answered by Wycliffe USA's Children's Communication Team

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1. **We are looking for a "kid-friendly" place to donate our offering from our Vacation Bible School this summer... and would love to consider Wycliffe. Any ideas?**

Yes, thanks for asking! We have a children's literacy giving project all ready and waiting for you. At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum/SenegalGivingProject.aspx> you will find the Senegal Giving/Literacy Project as one of our service-learning projects. In Lesson 1 you will find a power point slide show and donation flyer. The flyer has a special code so that we can see just how much children give. Please send any donations with the bottom portion of that flyer. Your children may enjoy all three lessons so they understand what their donations accomplish.

On that same page you will find a second service-learning project that allows children to color posters of newly-translated Scripture verses. They can laminate them and send them off as literacy class graduation presents. Children here can use their current skills to send God's Word to children in Uganda.

**2. Do you have any materials that show how Bible translation and literacy address or affect social issues such as HIV/AIDS prevention, basic health education, peace between neighbors and poverty?**

Yes, meeting many of these social needs starts in the strangest places: Bible translation and literacy! For instance, in Kenya, and other countries, teams translate "Kande's Story" into many different languages to teach about HIV/AIDS prevention. It includes a student book and teacher's manual with discussion questions for class. You may view a summary of the story and an explanation of how it is used on this web page:

<http://www.wycliffe.net/homeAfrica/Articles/tabid/426/Default.aspx?id=983&continent=AFR>

If you would like the book itself, you may also e-mail to request an English copy from [childrens\\_resources\\_Orlando@wycliffe.org](mailto:childrens_resources_Orlando@wycliffe.org)

Most translation and literacy programs include basic health education booklets and development programs to improve health issues. You may enjoy reading and watching the video "Dying of Thirst," at <http://www.wycliffe.org/FeatureStories/DyingofThirst.aspx> which talks about a clean water project. If you don't see the video there, check under the left menu title, "Story Archive." You can also view videos about health care and why we do it, trauma healing and many other social issues at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WycliffeUSA>

For instance, "Amber" explains why she uses her skills as a nurse to meet basic needs. She believes that she must meet basic needs first. After that, the people may feel well and secure enough to start wondering about who God is and desire to begin Bible translation.

A community literacy program boosted the success of a public health project designed to create a *malaria-free zone* in Burkina Faso, Africa. The K people use mosquito nets and curtains properly when they receive them with educational materials about malaria prevention in their language. Tests a year ago showed that almost everyone who received nets and curtains, accompanied by the vernacular info, used them properly. Cases of fever reported by villagers in the distribution zone fell by 72 percent from three months earlier. More than 3,000 sets of nets and curtains have been distributed so far. The goal is to get nets into every bedroom, and curtains on every front door and sitting-room window.\*

\*This is an excerpt taken from [Word Alive](#), a magazine produced by Wycliffe Canada.

### **3. What children's materials do you have available and/or recommend?**

At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum.aspx> you will find various free, downloadable lessons under the following categories:

Prayer Lessons

*Steps to Bible Translation* curriculum

*Bright Ideas!* (Preschool, Grades 1-6, Teen-Adult)

Service-Learning Projects

Fun Facts Pages for each area of the world

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At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Shop/ProductCatalog.aspx?Category=Children> you will find items to buy from the Village Store, too.

At <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/RecommendedResources.aspx> you will find an extensive list of recommended resources from a variety of publishers.

*Planet Word Bible*, by Thomas Nelson Bibles was designed for elementary aged children. It is chock full of sidebars that feature short biographies of men, women and children God has used from the beginning of time until today to act as His messengers. It also has suggested prayers for the planet, a verse in many different types of scripts, information about different areas of the world and their needs, ways children have become involved in social issues, etc. The emphasis of the introductions and all the sidebars shows how it has always been God's plan to reach out to people over all the earth. You can find *Planet Word Bibles* from [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

### **4. How do I get more information about the Bibleless People Prayer Project?**

Postcards or flyers for the Bibleless People Prayer Project are available from Wycliffe headquarters in Orlando, FL. (Address: P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200) These postcards cover all areas of the world. They look like two 3 x 5" cards stuck together end-to-end. The left-hand side is filled out with your name, address, etc., and your goal to pray for the group

either daily or weekly. Send in that half which has the Bibleless People Prayer Project address on the back. Keep the opposite or right-hand half which has the people group name, map, a verse and on the back a few prayer points. However, the project is changing over to an updated flyer in place of the postcards. Either way, periodic updates will be sent to you as they become available. This is a *long-term prayer effort* for people groups who still wait. When there is no movement in a specific group, the prayer partners may not hear anything and need to persevere in prayer.

Another option is to sign-up on-line at

<http://www.wycliffe.org/Pray/BiblelessPeoplesPrayerProject.aspx> Children can also pray for Bibleless People Groups by using the book *From Akebu to Zapotec*, available online at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Shop/PrayerRelatedProducts.aspx>

**5. I'm in charge of finding a missions curriculum for children. The Caleb Project sounds good but what are some other options?**

Caleb Project's *Outside the Lines* is a full curriculum with age-appropriate lessons for K-1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-5, and Grades 6-8. It is expensive at first glance but you will have everything you need for all those ages for at least a year of curriculum. The DVDs with action songs are only for the pre-readers in lieu of memorizing verses as readers would normally do.

Here are some free resources for you to check into for your programming:

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*Steps to Bible Translation* curriculum (12 weeks)

*Bright Ideas!* (Preschool, Grades 1-6, Teen-Adult)

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**6. I'm taking a group of children on a mission trip. Do you have any lessons that will help prepare them?**

Kidzana is an organization that does just that...prepares teams of teacher to go overseas, sometimes taking their families. They have lots of resources and training materials. Go to [www.kidzana.org](http://www.kidzana.org)

We have lessons in *Bright Ideas!* that get across the idea of what it's like to function in a different culture. They are good preparation, but were not specifically designed to prepare for overseas ministry. We recommend the following for cross-cultural training ideas available on this page: <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum/BrightIdeas.aspx>

Preschool:    Big Team  
                  Homes Afar  
                  How We Travel  
                  Job Box  
                  The Go Rope  
                  Travel Bag

Elementary    Desert-dweller's Tea Time  
(Grades 1-6) Tug of War  
                  Prayer Games  
                  But I'm Just a Kid  
                  May I Have a Snack, Mom?  
                  What Does it Mean When...?

Teen-Adult All's Well that Ends Well  
Bitter Words, Sweet Words  
Call My Bluff  
Choose Wisely  
Ethnic Meal  
Get Packing  
Trading Spaces  
Taste and See

**7. I came across your materials for Sunday school children and I plan to use these for my Sunday school children classes. I would also like to know more about becoming a prayer partner but I need more information materials for the children.**

You will find a 12-month/week *Children's Prayer Journal* (for readers grades 1-6) and the *Student Prayer Journal* (for 6-9<sup>th</sup> graders) that allows children and students to partner in prayer for 12 Bibleless People Groups. These tools also build a more balanced prayer life in your students. You can find these under the "Ready, Set, Pray" section along with six other lessons that involve children as prayer partners and build a healthy, balanced prayer life at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/Freecurriculum.aspx>

You may also contact the Bibleless People Prayer Project (BPPP) at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Pray/BiblelessPeoplesPrayerProject.aspx> to receive the name of a Bibleless people group somewhere in the world. This is a long-term commitment, to pray until a translation starts there. When updates come, they will e-mail you, but the updates are sometimes few and far between.

**8. I am looking for the additional resources suggested in the Steps to Bible Translation curriculum and I don't find them in your on line store. Can you help me?**

The resources you need are on the *Wycliffe Resource CD* which is part of the *My Volcano Adventure* teacher's manual or sold separately. The CD alone, the *My Volcano Adventures* series, and the "Tumbler" are all available through Wycliffe's online store:

<http://www.wycliffe.org/Shop/ProductCatalog.aspx?Category=Children>

Another option is to contact DiscipleLand (which published the *My Volcano Adventures* series) directly to order a copy of the CD by phone. Their number is 1-800-284-0158. They can be contacted Monday - Friday between 8 -5 (MST/MDT). If the Bibleless People Tumbler is not shown on the Wycliffe web site, please call the Village Store: 1-800-WYCLIFFE, 1-800-992-5433. They may have copies even if the tumbler doesn't appear in the online catalogue.

**9. How do I print out overhead transparencies, or paper copies, of PowerPoint slides?**

Depending on whether your printer is inkjet or laser, the transparencies need to match the type of printer that you have.

1. After opening a PowerPoint file, click on the first slide
2. Then click on Print from your "File" drop-down menu or inside the far upper left Windows icon in newer versions.
3. The printer will ask if you want to print only the current slide or all. Choose either. Just make sure to have your printer loaded with overhead transparencies (if making transparencies) or paper if making paper copies.
4. Position your transparency so that the ink will deposit on the rough side. (To determine which side your printer prints on, try this test. Put an "x" on a sheet of paper, load it in your printer with the "x" up, print a test sentence on the paper and then notice if the "x" and your printed sentence are on the same side. If the side with the "x" printed with your test line, load the transparencies with the rough sides up. If the side with the "x" is blank, load your transparencies with the rough side down.)

**10. We have viewed your web site and are very impressed with the kids' page and are considering Wycliffe as one of our projects. But we need something specific to tell the children about what their coins are going toward. Can you supply us with this information?**

We're glad that you looked at our kids web page and found it helpful. If you go to the **Senegal Service-Learning Project** page, you will find three complete lessons, some literacy samples, and a donation flyer (very important to fill out so that the children get credit for giving) explaining in detail where their money will go, how children live in Senegal, and how important it is for them to be able to read. The monies collected will allow your children to help Senegalese children learn to read so they can access to God's Word. That's where they will find the message of salvation! Here is the link for the **Senegal Service-Learning Project**:

<http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum/SenegalGivingProject.aspx>

You can find many other free lessons here:

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And finally you will find a list of evaluation questions for you to consider as you look at other resources at <http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/EvaluationQuestions.aspx>

**11. I went to your free curriculum page and listened to the taped radio interview. I have tried several times to download your free lessons but can't figure out how to do it. Could you give me some help on how to download the material?**

1. Go to the page where you listened to the voice tape:

<http://www.wycliffe.org/Kids/FreeCurriculum.aspx>

2. Click on any of the headings you see in **BOLD CAPITALS** that interest you. That will take you to the set of lessons described. For instance, say you clicked on the heading, ***STEPS TO BIBLE TRANSLATION***. That set of 12 lessons will open up in a new window and you can click on each one that is underlined, or you can download all 12 at once by clicking on "Download all lessons."

3. When you click on the underlined Lesson 1, "What's So Special About the Bible?", the lesson will open up in Adobe Reader and you can see what it looks like. (If you do not have Adobe Reader on your computer, you will find a link at the bottom of the page where you can get it. It is safe to download that program.)

4. Next click on "File" on the top toolbar choices.

5. Click on "Save As" and save it to your computer wherever you'd like to keep it.

6. If you do not want to save it to your computer, you may just click "Print" and a paper copy should come right out of your printer.

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